

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) provides opportunities through a collegiate educational process that promotes growth, leadership, and strong personal ethics for individuals who are pursuing agricultural careers; and,

Whereas, PAS provides an opportunity for developing leadership abilities through participation in the employment experience programs, course work, and organization activities; and,

Whereas, PAS and postsecondary institutions with agricultural coursework provide a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business, and technology of agriculture; and,

Whereas, The PAS motto – *Uniting Education and Industry in Agriculture* – gives direction of purpose to these students and their postsecondary institutions to prepare for skills essential in agricultural careers; and,

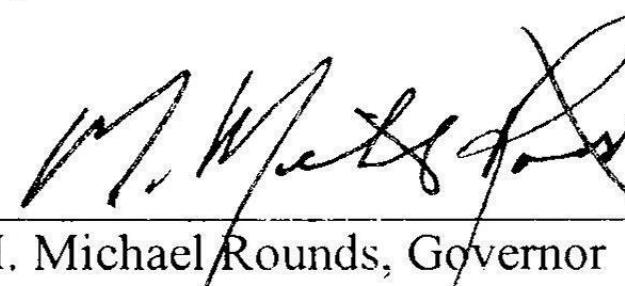
Whereas, PAS promotes developing an individual's leadership abilities and technical competencies, lifelong learning, intellectual growth, strong personal ethic, and recognizing a synergy in diversity:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6-10, 2008, as

POSTSECONDARY AGRICULTURAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State